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To : SAC, CHICAGO

Date 5/7/91

From : SSA [redacted] (SQ 6A)

Subject: JOHN MONTELEONE;
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[redacted]
aka BEN'S DISCOUNT;
RICO;
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The purpose of this communication is to request review and approval to open a new Chicago Division Organized Crime Program (OCP) investigation.

Mission of the Organized Crime Program (OCP), Chicago, Illinois:

The mission of the Chicago OCP is to eliminate the La Cosa Nostra (LCN) and other OC groups which pose a significant threat to the citizens of the Chicago area through sustained, coordinated, prioritized investigations which support the development of prosecutable RICO cases to include appropriate asset forfeiture and/or Civil RICO actions.

The mission of Squad 6A is to develop prosecutable RICO cases against the LA PIETRA, [redacted] crews of the Chicago LCN, to include LCN members and their associates.

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Detective [redacted] Sq 6A
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On March 19, 1991, [redacted] was observed meeting with [redacted] (FBI [redacted] and [redacted] (FBI [redacted]). On April 30, 1991, [redacted] was surveilled and observed to pick up twelve (12) boxes of merchandise and deliver it to BEN'S DISCOUNT, 6118 West Cermak, Cicero, where he met with [redacted] and [redacted] (FBI [redacted] made daily appearances at KLEEN AIR CHEMICAL COMPANY in 1975, and reportedly was a driver for JOHN MONTELEONE. SA [redacted] has advised that BEN'S DISCOUNT is a fencing operation. While in the area, the surveillance team observed numerous vehicles drop off boxes at

BEN'S DISCOUNT. Surveillances in 183B-CG-77421 have had [redacted] meeting with JIMMY DIFORTE who is reportedly a go between for JOHN MONTELEONE and JIMMY LAPIETRA. DIFORTE is also reportedly a "street tax" collector in the Cicero/Berwyn area for the LAPIETRA crew. [redacted] was observed to go from BEN'S DISCOUNT to T&J's OUTLET at 6122 West Cermak, Cicero, which appeared to be set up like a club and seemed to be a meeting place. Parked in the rear of T&J's was a car registered to [redacted].

It appears as if the LAPIETRA crew has established a fencing operation at BEN'S DISCOUNT and a meeting place at T&J's OUTLET both being supervised by [redacted]

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Case Strategic Investigative Plan

Brief Synopsis of criminal activity to be investigated:

TFIS, ITSP, Extortion (street tax).

Anticipated Investigative Strategy:

Through surveillance of BEN'S DISCOUNT and T&J'S OUTLET, identify people delivering stolen property, and people meeting with targeted subjects.

Long Term Objectives:

[redacted] b7E

Short Term Objectives:

Identify thieves, identify people paying street tax, [redacted] b7D

Appropriateness of this case investigation to Squad and Office OCP missions:

This case targets the LAPIETRA crew. Surveillances in current investigations have located a fencing operation and a meeting place (both previously unknown) which are being utilized [redacted] who is associated with JOHN MONTELEONE and JIMMY LAPIETRA. b6 b7C

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National Investigative Priority:

National Priority I.

Applicable OC Subprogram:

Subprogram F (burglaries/fencing of stolen goods).

Principal Subjects of Investigation:

[redacted] JOHN MONTELEONE.

This case will be assigned to: Detective [redacted] b6 b7C
Chicago Police Department

Supervisor: [redacted]

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Surveillance and indices checks were conducted on individuals frequenting captioned location and it was determined that a fencing operation was taking place, but no main members of the LaPietra Crew could be connected to this operation during the majority of these surveillances.

It was learned however, that an ITP Squad of the Chicago Division has a pending case (15B-78016) against [redacted] (FBI [redacted] and [redacted] (FBI [redacted], [redacted]

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In view of the related pending investigation and the apparent lack of LCN involvement, Chicago considers captioned case closed and has referred developed information to Squad 9 of the Chicago Division.

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